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## California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) Announces Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grants

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.**—California's Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) today announced that five cities and counties will receive \$172,000 in federal grants to assist local historic preservation programs. California is required to issue a minimum of ten-percent of its yearly share of federal funds received through the National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program to local governments whose preservation programs are certified by the NPS. This year, for the first time, OHP raised the maximum grant from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The 2014-2015 Certified Local Government (CLG) grants will be awarded to the cities of Berkeley, Davis, Fresno, Los Angeles, and the City and County of San Francisco.

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program is a partnership among local governments, the State of California (OHP) and the National Park Service which is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Program. The CLG program encourages the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties within their jurisdictions and promotes the integration of local preservation interests and concerns into local planning and decision-making processes.

Below is information on the grants:

- **Berkeley, \$30,000.** The city will complete necessary research and carry out an intensive level historic property survey work to complete the 2012 Downtown Area Plan. This effort will guide planning in areas where development pressure is expected.
- **Davis, \$40,000.** The city will update its historic property survey to identify and evaluate buildings constructed up to and including 1975. The effort will consolidate earlier survey findings as well as adding new properties to the city's inventory.

- **Fresno, \$40,000.** The City will conduct an intensive historic property survey of the South Van Ness Industrial District. The area includes Fresno's historic Armenian Town, along with a mix of commercial and industrial buildings, many related to the railroad and fruit packing.
- **Los Angeles, \$22,000.** The city will develop a Latino Historic Context to be included as part of SurveyLA's citywide historic context statement. The effort will be coordinated with the Latino theme study prepared by the NPS and the Latino's in 20<sup>th</sup> Century California Historic Context prepared by the State Office of Historic Preservation.
- **San Francisco, \$40,000.** The City and County of San Francisco will carry out Phase II of a historic resource survey focused on neighborhood commercial buildings, constructed between 1870 and 1965, that are subject to a recently enacted mandatory seismic retrofit program for soft-story buildings.

California's Certified Local Government grants are awarded on a competitive basis and require a 40 percent local government match that can be provided using a combination of public funds, private funds, and allowable in-kind donations.

The Office of Historic Preservation is a Division of California State Parks. The mission of the OHP, in partnership with the people of California and governmental agencies, is to preserve and enhance California's irreplaceable historic heritage as a matter of public interest.

Additional information about the CLG Program is available online at [www.ohp.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov).

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